

(b) (16 points) Determine the radius and interval of convergence of the power series. You may use your answer from part (a) to assist with checking the endpoints.

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} (2x - 4)^k.$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x-4)^k}{(k^4+5)^{1/5}}, \text{ find radius of conv } (R), \text{ IC}$$

→ write the series for  $f(x)$  in "standard form", or in powers of  $(x-c)$ :

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{(k^4+5)^{1/5}} (x-2)^k \quad \left( c=2, a_k = \frac{2^k}{(k^4+5)^{1/5}} \right)$$

→ apply the ratio test:

$$L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{k+1} (k^4+5)^{1/5}}{2^k ((k+1)^4+5)^{1/5}}$$

$$= 2$$

$$\text{so that } R = \frac{1}{L} = \frac{1}{2}$$

→ to find the IC:

$$|x-2| < R \iff -\frac{1}{2} < x-2 < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\iff \frac{3}{2} < x < \frac{5}{2},$$

so the series definitely converges for all

$x \in (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2})$ . We need to check convergence at the end points when  $x = \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $x = \frac{5}{2}$ .

$$\rightarrow f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^k}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}}$$

apply the AST:

- check for absolute convergence:  
does  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}}$  converge or not?  $\leftarrow a_k$

intuition: looks "almost" like a p-series with  $p = 4/5 \leq 1$ , so we expect the series to diverge.

apply the LCT: compare to  $b_k = \frac{1}{k^{4/5}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^{4/5}}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^{4/5}}{k^{4/5} \left(1 + \frac{5}{k^4}\right)^{1/5}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

So both series diverge. (so no absolute convergence)

- check for conditional convergence:

$$\rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$\rightarrow$  check that  $a_k$  is decreasing

$$a_{k+1} = \frac{1}{((k+1)^4 + 5)^{1/5}} \leq a_k = \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} \quad \checkmark$$

So we get conditional convergence.

(so the series  $f(x)$  converges at  $x = 3/2$ )

• Check for convergence at  $x = 5/2$

$$f\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k^4 + 5)^{1/5}}$$

This series diverges by the LCT that we applied above.

• So IC of the series is

$$\left[\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right).$$

Evaluate:  $S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{n+5}{n+6}\right)$

(final review sheet #17(c))

→ look at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sums of the series:

$$\begin{aligned} S_N &= \sum_{k=0}^N \ln\left(\frac{k+5}{k+6}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^N \ln(k+5) - \sum_{k=0}^N \ln(k+6) \end{aligned}$$

(these sums telescope, or cancel)

$$= \ln(5) - \ln(N+6) \quad (*)$$

→ NOW  $S = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N$

$$\stackrel{\text{by } (*)}{=} \ln(5) - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \ln(N+6)$$

$$= -\infty$$

→ so the series  $S$  diverges.

Evaluate:  $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+5}} \right]$

(final review sheet #17(e))

→ we expect to get cancellation of most terms in the series

→ let

$$S_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+3}}$$

$$S_2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+5}}$$

So that  $S = S_1 - S_2$

$$\rightarrow S_1 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}}_{(n=1)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}}_{(n=2)} + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+3}} \quad (*)$$

→ shift the index of the last series  $n \rightarrow n (*)$ :

$$m = n - 2 \iff n = m + 2$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{m+5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + S_2 \end{aligned}$$

→ Then

$$\begin{aligned} S &= S_1 - S_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + S_2 - S_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate:  $S = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(\ln k)^p}, p > 1$

→ let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^p}$ , so that

$$S = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} f(k)$$

→ we will apply the integral test.

First check the conditions we need to apply the integral test are true:

- $f(k)$  is positive for all  $k \geq 2$  ✓
- $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[2, \infty)$  ✓
- show  $f(k)$  is decreasing for all  $k \geq 2$ :

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] = -\frac{1}{x^2(\ln x)^p} - \frac{p}{x^2(\ln x)^{p+1}}$$

$< 0$  whenever  $x \geq 2$  ✓

→ the integral test tells us that  $S$  converges if  $I = \int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx$  converges (and diverges otherwise).

→ To see if  $I$  converges, apply the u-sub

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} u = \ln(x), du = \frac{dx}{x}; u(2) = \ln(2), \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} u(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(x) = +\infty \end{array} \right)$$

$$I = \int_{\ln(2)}^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^p} = \frac{1}{1-p} \cdot \frac{1}{u^{p-1}} \Big|_{\ln(2)}^{\infty}, p > 1$$

(Note:  $p > 1 \iff p-1 > 0$ )

$$= \frac{1}{1-p} \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{p-1}} - \frac{1}{(\ln 2)^{p-1}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-p} \left[ 0 - \frac{1}{(\ln 2)^{p-1}} \right]$$

= Constant depending on  $p$

So  $I$  converges.

→ Hence, by the integral test,  
 $S$  converges when  $p > 1$ .

Evaluate:  $S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$ .

→ To determine convergence of  $S$ , we apply the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test. It says that if  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \neq 0$ ,  $S$  diverges.

→ evaluate the limit using L'Hopital's rule:

$$L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$$
$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tan\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)}{\frac{1}{k}} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0}, \text{ since } \tan(0)=0 \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} = 0\right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{by L'Hop.}}{=} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sec^2\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \cdot \frac{d}{dk}\left[\frac{1}{k}\right]}{-\frac{1}{k^2}}, \quad \text{by the chain rule for derivatives}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\cos^2\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos^2(0)} = 1 \neq 0$$

→ So by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test, the series  $S$  diverges.



Evaluate:  $S = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 7} + \dots$

→ Notice that

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)}$$

→ We can show that the series converges by comparing with the p-series  $b_k = \frac{1}{k^2}$  in the LCT.

→ but we can do even better than that and find the exact value of  $S$  by seeing that  $S$  is a telescoping series

→ take partial fractions:

$$\frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} = \frac{A}{(2k-1)} + \frac{B}{(2k+1)}$$

$$\iff 1 = A(2k+1) + B(2k-1)$$

• when  $k = \frac{1}{2}$ :

$$1 = 2A \iff A = \frac{1}{2}$$

• when  $k = -\frac{1}{2}$ :

$$1 = -2B \iff B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So } S = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2k-1} - \frac{1}{2k+1} \right]$$

→ let  $S_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k-1}$ ,  $S_2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1}$ , so that

$$S = \frac{1}{2} (S_1 - S_2). \quad (*)$$

→ we expand  $S_1$  as:

$$S_1 = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)} \quad (**)$$

→ shift the index of the series in (\*\*):

$$m = k-1 \longleftrightarrow k = m+1$$

so that

$$S_1 = 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2m+1} = 1 + S_2 \quad (***)$$

→ Then (\*) and (\*\*\*):

$$S = \frac{1}{2} (1 + S_2 - S_2) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Find a Maclaurin series for the function  $g(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^3}$ .

→ let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ .

Notice that  $f''(x) = \frac{2}{(1-x)^3}$ :

$$\frac{d^{(2)}}{dx^{(2)}} \left[ \frac{1}{1-x} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \right] = \frac{2}{(1-x)^3}$$

→ This means that

$$g(x) = \frac{x}{2} \cdot f''(x) \quad (*)$$

→ we will find a Maclaurin series for  $f''(x)$ :

$$f(x) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} x^N, \text{ when } |x| < 1 \text{ by a geometric series expansion with } r=x.$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} x^N \right] = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} [x^N]$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} N \cdot x^{N-1} = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} N \cdot x^{N-1} \quad (**)$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} (N+1) x^N, \text{ for } |x| < 1 \text{ by shifting the index in } (**)$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} (N+1) x^N \right]$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} (N+1) \frac{d}{dx} [x^N] = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} N(N+1) x^{N-1}$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} (N+1)(N+2) x^N \quad (***)$$

→ so by (\*) and (\*\*\*):

$$g(x) = \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)(n+2) x^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (n+1)(n+2) x^{n+1} \quad (****)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} n(n+1) x^n, \quad \text{by shifting the index in } (****)$$

Find the sum of the series

$$S = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi^3}{8 \cdot 3!} + \frac{\pi^5}{32 \cdot 5!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^N \pi^{2N+1}}{2^{2N+1} (2N+1)!} + \dots$$

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→ Note that for any real  $t$

$$\sin(t) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N t^{2N+1}}{(2N+1)!}$$

→ Taking  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we see that

$$S = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1.$$

Use a Maclaurin series to estimate  
 $I = \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$  to within an error of  
no more than 0.01.

→ first, for any  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$e^{-x^2} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^N}{N!} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N x^{2N}}{N!} \quad (*)$$

→ Hence, integrating the series in (\*)  
termwise, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{N!} \int_0^1 x^{2N} dx \\ &= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{N!} \frac{x^{2N+1}}{(2N+1)} \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{N! (2N+1)} \quad (**) \end{aligned}$$

→ Since (\*\*) is an alternating series, for any  
 $N \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \left| I - \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{(-1)^k}{k! (2k+1)} \right| &\leq \frac{1}{(N+1)! (2N+3)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{100} \end{aligned}$$

we have imposed this to  
find large enough  $N$  to get the

desired error bound

→ Find the smallest  $N=0,1,2,\dots$  so that

$$\frac{1}{(N+1)!(2N+3)} \leq \frac{1}{100}$$

• when  $N=0$ :  $\frac{1}{1! \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{3} \not\leq \frac{1}{100} \quad \times$

• when  $N=1$ :  $\frac{1}{2! \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{10} \not\leq \frac{1}{100} \quad \times$

• when  $N=2$ :  $\frac{1}{3! \cdot 7} = \frac{1}{42} \not\leq \frac{1}{100} \quad \times$

• when  $N=3$ :  $\frac{1}{4! \cdot 9} = \frac{1}{24 \cdot 9} = \frac{1}{216} \leq \frac{1}{100} \quad \checkmark$

→ So an approximation to  $I$  that is accurate to within  $\frac{1}{100}$  of its exact value is:

$$I \approx \sum_{k=0}^3 \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(2k+1)}.$$